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SUBJECT: $21.8 MILLION LINE OF CREDIT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF
NORWAY TO JAMAICA

1. HEADLINES IN THE JAMAICAN PRESS OF DECEMBER 20 ANNOUNCED THE EXTENSION OF A US $21.8 MILLION CREDIT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY TO FINANCE IMPORTS FROM THAT COUNTRY. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE BY NORWAY'S COMMERCE & SHIPPING MINISTER HALLVARD BAKKE, HEAD OF AN 11-MAN NORWEGINA TEAM THAT CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER P.J. PATTERSON TO OPEN THE FIRST MEETING OF THE JAMAICA-NORWAY JOINT COMMISSION ON DECEMBER 20.

2. MR. BAKKE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAD APPROVED THE FUNDS TO PERMIT THE EXTENSION OF MEDIUM AND LOW-TERM PURCHASES BY JAMAICAN BUYERS. THE FUNDS WOULD BE ADMINISTERED BY THE BANK OF JAMAICA.

3. MR. PATTERSON SAID THAT NORWAY'S PROGRAMS OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION WERE REMARKABLE BECAUSE THEY OFFERED SUCH GENEROUS TERMS AND REPRESENTED A LARGE PROPORTION OF NORWAY'S GNP. REFERRING TO NORWAY'S ASSISTANCE IN OFF-SHORE OIL EXPLORATION, MR. PATTERSON
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NOTED THAT EVENTS HAD MOVED WITH UNPRECEDENTED SPEED. HE SAID THAT DURING THE NEXT TWO DAYS, THERE WOULD BE EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL AND ADDED HE WAS CONVINCED THAT ADDITIONAL AREAS FOR COOPERATION WOULD BE IDENTIFIED. HE SAID THAT JAMAICA WAS EAGER TO ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS IN SEVERAL OF THE FIELDS DISCUSSED IN OSLO, INCLUDING SOIL CONSERVATION, AFFORESTRATION,

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ALUMINUM FABRICATION, TRAINING, FAMILY PLANNING, WORKER PARTICIPATION AND JOINT VENTURES.

4. THE JOINT COMMISSION WAS SET UP FOLLOWING PRIME MINISTER MANLEY'S VISIT TO NORWAY IN NOVEMBER. THE NORWEGIAN TEAM INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS, INCLUDING SHIPPING, BANKING, OIL EXPLORATION AND OTHER COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL INTERESTS, AS WELL AS OFFICIALS OF THE NORWEGIAN MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INDUSTRY AND HANDICRAFT, COMMERCE AND SHIPPING, THE NORWEGIAN AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE EXPORT COUNCIL.

5. COMMENT: THE NORWEGIANS HAVE ACTED WITH UNUSUAL SPEED IN SENDING A NEGOTIATING TEAM TO JAMAICA SHORTLY AFTER PRIME MINISTER MANLEY'S VISIT TO OSLO OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 2. AT THAT MEETING, NOWAY AGREED TO CONTRIBUTE $1.5 MILLION TO GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS ON JAMAICA'S CONTINENTAL SHELF, TO SEND A TEAM FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF OSLO TO ADVISE ON IMPROVEMENTS IN LOCAL AND INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT AND TO OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS TO JAMAICANS.
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